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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
Attention: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: ARLT, Fritz Rudolph
[alias: ROSE, Fritz
AROND, Fnu
WERNER, Fnu]

1. Reference is made to request dated 21 July 1967 concerning Subject. The files of this Office contain the following information in addition to that contained in the enclosed summary, dated 17 December 1953, of background information appearing in the Berlin Document Center.

2. According to a report dated 6 May 1949, it was the opinion of a usually reliable source that Subject was in contact with the German Intelligence Service under the Nazi regime, during the early stages of the German campaign in Galicia. Another usually reliable source stated that he made the acquaintance of Subject in 1939. Subject, who then used the alias of Fnu WERNER, was attached to a German armored division, and wore civilian clothes. This source believed that Subject was primarily interested in the political and ideological side of the Ukrainian Liberation Movement, but did not believe that Subject was an intelligence officer. A United States Army Counterintelligence Corps officer advised that Subject was some kind of a liaison officer to the OUN Bandera (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists-anti-Soviet Ukrainian Emigre Organization) during World War II.

3. According to a report dated 27 January 1953 from a usually reliable source, Subject was a special connection (sic) of the West

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German Intelligence Service, and was reported to use the aliases of Fritz ROSE and Frau AROND. Subject was formerly a professor at the University of Breslau. During World War II, Subject served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Balkans. Subject was reported as a Russian expert. Subject served as head of the "Suchdienst" for the Bavarian Red Cross.

4. A usually reliable source reported in November 1953 that Subject was a recruiter for the West German Intelligence Service, and a contact man of Ukrainian and Polish emigres in the area of Munich, Germany. Subject was reported earlier as one of several reporters on political organizations in West Germany.

5. According to a report dated 21 December 1955 from a usually reliable source (content evaluation-possibly true), Subject was a representative of the Industrie Institut and the Unternehmerverband. According to the report, Subject was one of 33 persons who participated in the West German Conference on Combating Communist Infiltration of the Federal Republic, which was held from 22 through 24 November 1955 in Niederbriesig am Rhein, West Germany. The conference was called at the initiative of the "Witschkreis" and was financed by the Bundeszentrale fuer Heimatdienst.

6. According to a report dated 23 February 1956 from a usually reliable source, the group which held the conference at Niederbriesig from 22 through 24 November 1955, planned to meet regularly in the future in order to advise interested Federal Republic officials in planning a propaganda front against the Soviet occupation zone of Germany. Subject was a member of a steering committee which was to have met in December 1955 to plan the next conference. The meeting of the steering committee was later postponed until January 1956. As of January 1956, the steering committee still had not met.

7. According to a report dated 2 May 1957 from a usually reliable source, Subject was deputy to one Fritz HELLWIG, the general business manager of the Deutsche Industrie Institut (DII) in Cologne, West Germany. (HELLWIG was also reported to be Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee of the Bundestag.) The DII was founded by two political organizations in Cologne, and was to serve as a joint propaganda secretariat for the establishment

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of propaganda programs, in an effort to prevent the infiltration of Communist ideology into the minds of management and labor in West German industry. Subject has been working for the DII since 1955, and had previously worked as a seminar leader for Volkswirtschaftlich Gesellschaft Bayern e.v. According to Source, Subject was not considered to be very reliable by his colleagues in the DII, because they suspected him of being on the payroll of the Bundes Nachrichtendienst (West German Intelligence Service-BND), and suspected him of having worked for an American Intelligence unit after World War II. Source, however, did not hold with these suspicions, but admitted that they have prevented the full flowering of Subject's very large capabilities as a propagandist.

8. On 2 May 1957, a usually reliable source indicated that Subject was recruited by the BND (probably in late 1949) and that Subject seemed to be working for them as of 2 May 1957. Source indicated that it was not possible to determine the nature of Subject's BND activity, but assumed that Subject was recruited because of his experiences with the Russians during World War II.

9. On 22 June 1957, a usually reliable source stated that Subject was Chief of the Propaganda Section of the Deutsches Industrie Institut. According to Source, Subject told Source on 1 June 1957 that Fritz HELLWIG had told Subject to sever all ties with the West German Intelligence Service or be dismissed from the Deutsches Industrie Institut. Subject then told HELLWIG that he had had no connections with the West German Intelligence Service since 1954 or 1955. It was the opinion of Source, that Subject would never be free from his intelligence ties.

10. For additional information concerning Subject, you are referred to the Department of the Army, where it is believed that the files of the 970th Counterintelligence Corps Detachment in Munich, Germany, contained information on Subject between 1945 and 1949.

11. It has no record of a current operational interest in Subject.

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